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Please note:

We will have NO EVENING SERVICES on December 25.
(morning services as usual)

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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"It is Who You Know That Really Does Matter"
Acts 10:34-43

PM: Brian Mitchell
"Peace Among Brethren"
Hebrews 12:1-3

It's Who You Know that Really Does Matter

Regardless of the difficulties, challenges and setbacks we must face in life; in Christ, life really is wonderful. As we saw last week, in Christ, life is wonderful because He helps us to see life from a whole new perspective. The reason God's child should not get overwhelmed with life is the fact that we are able to clearly see this life for what it is. It is a "vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away." When we realize this it helps us to keep life in the right perspective.

In the lesson this week we are going to consider another reason that Life is Wonderful. There are certain clichés you hear all through your life that, upon closer inspection, often prove to be false. They are so ingrained in our consciousness you can probably say them along with me. For example, it takes money to make money or you can't fight the system.

Or how about this one, it's not what you know, it's who you know. Unfortunately, we all know of cases where this cliché is painfully true. I'm sure each of us has had the experience of being excluded from something—maybe a club you wanted to join, a neighborhood you wanted to live in, a company you wanted to work for, a business opportunity you wanted to pursue. But you never got a chance because you weren't "in" with the right people. At the time it may have seemed absolutely unfair and it often is.

Today we're going to examine how this truism works in our favor and it is another one of the reasons why this life is wonderful. In the tenth chapter of Acts the Apostle Peter had a vision that changed his entire outlook on life—Acts 10:9-16. Like most Jews of his day, Peter had always believed that God showed special favoritism to Jewish people. In the vision, however, he saw heaven opened and large sheet being let down to earth, filled with all kinds animals, reptiles and birds.

A voice told him, "Get up Peter, kill and eat." Peter was taken aback. "Surely not," he said. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." Peter had always adhered to the strict Jewish dietary laws, which forbade eating things like shrimp, pork, catfish, and so on. The voice then said, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Peter had this same vision three times in a row; it was obvious that God was about to teach him something new.

At that same time, Peter was invited to speak to the household of Cornelius, a God-fearing Gentile who lived in Caesarea. Peter accepted the invitation. When he arrived, Cornelius said to him... (v. 33) "We are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us." Suddenly the light went on and Peter understood the meaning of the vision. In response he preached a brief but powerful message that can be summarized with the statement, "It doesn't matter who you are, it only matters who you know."

He told them of the all-encompassing love of God which is available to everyone, regardless of race, nationality, or social status. He told them that God loves everyone the same. Today, we're going to take a look at Peter's sermon and see how it affects our lives today, and our relationship with God.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 82
Sunday AM: 135
Sunday PM: 63
Wednesday PM: 70
Contribution: \$4515
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Blake Gilliland: 12.11
Ruby Silvers: 12.11
Francis Ivanovich: 12.13
Kim Romine: 12.15
Rowan Campbell: 12.16

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Larry & Margaret Dowdy

Ushers: Leonard Fulbright/Justin Simmons

A/V: Scott Spraggs

Nursery: Christi Crowden

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Head Lord's Table: Brian Mitchell

Scripture: Lance Kluesner

Prayers:

AM: David Selvig/Kenny Simmons

PM: Nate Crowden/Eric Craft

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Nick Brown

Devo: David Selvig

Prayer: Gary Miller

Elder Chair: Randy Seabaugh

Communion to Shut-Ins: Scott Spraggs

Worship Organizer: Ron Fehr

Daily Bible Reading

December 11: 2 Thessalonians

December 12: 1 Timothy

December 13: 2 Timothy

December 14: Titus & Philemon

December 15: Hebrews 1-3

December 16: Hebrews 4-6

December 17: Hebrews 7-9

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Ron Anderson

Ginger Avery

Esther Beck

Mark Blaylock

Lee Brooks

Thelma Brown

Dalton Bryan

Reita Conley

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Allen & Juanita Hedge

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Susan Seabaugh

Earle Silvers

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Sarah Singleton

Robin Star

Don Tawney

Chris Weaver

Remember in Prayer

- **Lee Simpson** is doing great with his recovery and has begun physical therapy at the hospital. His kidney function has returned to normal and they are expecting to have the heart pump removed on Monday. (His doctor called him a "Beast"!)
- We praise God for His care and healing!
- **Troy Bryan** is continuing to recover from his recent surgery
- **Terri Bryan** was set have shoulder replacement on Friday.
- **Donna Hand** is continuing her recovery from back surgery.
- **Jim Green** has a follow-up visit on Thursday.

Sympathy

- We offer our sympathy to Glen Austin, his daughter, Connie Vander, and their family in the recent death of **Lucky Vander** (Glen's son-in-law/Connie's husband) who passed away on Saturday. His funeral was held on Wednesday.
- Several of our members are grieving the loss of a friend from the Scott City congregation, **Hilda Brown**, who passed away this week. Her visitation and funeral are set to be held at Amick-Burnett in Scott City on Saturday.
- Larry and Margaret Dowdy's brother-in-law, **Jerry Tesreau** (husband of one of Margaret's sisters) passed away on Thursday. His funeral will be held in northern Illinois on Tuesday.

Special Thanks...

If you didn't notice it on your way in, take a moment to check out the beautiful quilt that **Betty Carroll** made for our nursery! We appreciate her talents and her giving spirit! Thank you, also, to **Nancy Lester** for getting it displayed on the wall.

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** Item of the week: **Brown Gravy Mix**
- We will be hosting our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, January 4** from 2:30-6:30pm in the fellowship room. Please sign up to donate if you are able. A sign-up sheet is also posted for those who would like to help with snacks.
- **Men:** Please see Gary Miller if you would like to be added to the rotation for those taking communion to our shut ins. He will be making the schedule soon for next year.
- Donations are always being accepted to the Curtis James Scholarship fund. See Murray Dunn with any questions.

Upcoming Area Events

- **January 5-8: TRUTH Conference** in Arnold for college and young adult Christians. Speakers will be **Todd Clippard** and **Avery Hackney**. Please register with the QR code on the posted flyer.
- **January 14-15: IGNITE 2023: Ignite Your Legacy.** We are hosting our annual youth rally with keynote speaker, **Jeremy Pierce**. Plans are well underway...please watch for ways you can help and begin making plans to attend.
- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge. Watch for details!
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground".

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JAMES 1:17